

SCHOOL BOARD BYLAWS**School Visitations**

Board members will attempt to visit various schools throughout the year when invited for regular programs and special events, or when the board member has time available or has special interest in a particular program.

Board members will spend at least one day per year in school visitation during a time period recommended by the chairman of the board. Upon completion of the visits, board members will participate in a scheduled committee of the whole meeting to discuss their observations.

Board members acknowledge that they are guests in any school they visit. They will stop first at the principal's office to advise the principal of their presence and determine if there are any special considerations that should be observed while visiting. Principals are encouraged to have board members visit the total school's activities when possible rather than attempting to present only selected programs.

The purpose of the visits is to obtain background information for intelligent policy making. Board members will not advise, direct or take disciplinary action against school personnel while visiting since no single board member has the authority to take such action.

Board members will contact the superintendent if they have questions or concerns resulting from their visits.

Board members may prepare written reports for dissemination to other board members if they believe their visit merits the written attention of the colleagues.

Legal Reference: (1994)
Code of Va., §22.1-79. Powers and duties.—"

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